

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

JESUS RENE GONZALEZ,

No. 2:14-cv-00471-GMN-VCF

Petitioner,

ORDER

vs.

D.W. NEVEN, *et al.*,

Respondents.

This habeas matter comes before the Court on petitioner's application (#5) to proceed *in forma pauperis* and following upon the notice (#7) of appearance by petitioner's counsel. The Court finds that petitioner's most recent financial information does not readily reflect an ability to pay the \$5.00 filing fee within a reasonable period of time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that petitioner's application (#5) to proceed *in forma pauperis* is **GRANTED** and that petitioner shall not be required to pay the filing fee.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Federal Public Defender's Office is appointed as counsel for petitioner pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B), with Megan C. Hoffman, Esq., appearing as petitioner's counsel of record.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that petitioner shall have until up to and including **one hundred twenty (120) days** from entry of this order within which to file an amended petition and/or seek other appropriate relief. Neither the foregoing deadline nor any extension thereof signifies or will signify any implied finding as to the expiration of the federal limitation period and/or of a basis for tolling during the time period established. Petitioner at all times remains responsible for calculating the running of the federal limitation period and timely asserting claims, without regard to any deadlines established or extensions granted herein. That is, by setting a deadline to amend the petition and/or by granting any extension thereof, the Court makes no finding or representation that the petition, any amendments thereto, and/or any claims contained therein are not subject to dismissal as untimely. *See Sossa v. Diaz*,

1 729 F.3d 1225, 1235 (9th Cir. 2013).

2 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that respondents shall file a response to the amended petition,
3 including potentially by motion to dismiss, within **sixty (60) days** of service of the amended petition,
4 with any requests for relief by petitioner by motion otherwise being subject to the normal briefing
5 schedule under the local rules. **Any response filed shall comply with the remaining provisions**
6 **below, which are entered pursuant to Habeas Rule 4.**

7 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any procedural defenses raised by respondents to the
8 counseled amended petition shall be raised together in a single consolidated motion to dismiss. In other
9 words, the Court does not wish to address any procedural defenses raised herein either in *seriatum*
10 fashion in multiple successive motions to dismiss or embedded in the answer. Procedural defenses
11 omitted from such motion to dismiss will be subject to potential waiver. Respondents shall not file a
12 response in this case that consolidates their procedural defenses, if any, with their response on the
13 merits, except pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b)(2) as to any unexhausted claims clearly lacking merit.
14 If respondents do seek dismissal of unexhausted claims under § 2254(b)(2): (a) they shall do so within
15 the single motion to dismiss **not** in the answer; and (b) they shall specifically direct their argument to
16 the standard for dismissal under § 2254(b)(2) set forth in *Cassett v. Stewart*, 406 F.3d 614, 623-24 (9th
17 Cir. 2005). In short, no procedural defenses, including exhaustion, shall be included with the merits
18 in an answer. All procedural defenses, including exhaustion, instead must be raised by motion to
19 dismiss.

20 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, in any answer filed on the merits, respondents shall
21 specifically cite to and address the applicable state court written decision and state court record
22 materials, if any, regarding each claim within the response as to that claim.

23 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that petitioner shall have **thirty (30) days** from service of the
24 answer, motion to dismiss, or other response to file a reply or opposition, with any other requests for
25 relief by respondents by motion otherwise being subject to the normal briefing schedule under the local
26 rules.

27 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any additional state court record exhibits filed herein by
28 either petitioner or respondents shall be filed with a separate index of exhibits identifying the exhibits

1 by number. The CM/ECF attachments that are filed further shall be identified by the number or
2 numbers of the exhibits in the attachment.

3 **The hard copy of any exhibits filed by either counsel shall be delivered – for this case – to**
4 **the Clerk's Office in Reno.**

5 The Clerk shall SEND a copy of this order to the CJA Coordinator for this division.

6 DATED this 22nd day of May, 2014.

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10 Gloria M. Navarro, Chief Judge
11 United States District Court
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